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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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Honorable Abraham Ribicoff, Chairman
Committee on Government Operations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for the views and recommendations of this Agency on S. 977, the "National Emergencies Act." The Act would terminate those national emergencies presently in effect, and establish procedures for the establishment, operation, and termination of future declared national emergencies.

The Central Intelligence Agency derives its responsibilities and authority from 50 U.S.C. 403, *et seq.* It would not be affected by the termination of existing states of national emergency. Therefore, I have no comment on the bill, except for section 501.

Section 501 of the bill establishes accountability and reporting requirements for the President and Federal agencies during a declared state of war or national emergency. Subsections (a) and (b) require Executive agencies to maintain a file and index of all rules and regulations issued pursuant to declarations of war or national emergency. These rules and regulations are to be transmitted to the Congress promptly under means to assure confidentiality where appropriate. I have no objection to this provision, with the understanding that Agency activities conducted pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 403, although occurring during a declared state of war or national emergency, are not covered by section 501 of S. 977 but are reported to the Congress under normal procedures.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

W. E. Colby
Director

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FROM	Mary Gilbert	DATE	9/18/75
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Per our conversation yesterday,
a copy of Maw's proposed testimony
on S. 961 is attached.

Unless I hear otherwise
from you, I'll assume you
have no problems.

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